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Higher fees
bring high hopesBy JUDY BASSMAN
and LUCY THOMAS
Staff Writers

Valley College is experiencing a slight decrease in enrollment this spring. Although higher tuition costs were feared to deter enrollment, the whole attitude has been that money is not the issue when higher education is the goal.

Tony Smets, 21, a second year student at Valley College said, "It still is pretty cheap for a college education. It will weed out students who are not serious about school."

Robert Vanegas, a first year student at LAVC has hopes of becoming a registered nurse. He realizes that the costs are increasing but nothing is going to stop him from obtaining his goal.

Vanegas said, "I'll have to put in more hours at my current part-time job in order to pay for the increased costs, but it is worth it so that I can succeed."

Starting this spring students attending Valley College who do not have advanced college degrees will be charged \$10 per unit instead of the \$6 price charged last semester. Students who have advanced degrees will pay \$50 per unit. Additionally all students will have to pay \$7.50 for an on-campus health program.

In the past a student's maximum cost per semester was \$60. Now with the new fees, there is no maximum.

Tyree Wieder, vice president of academic affairs at LAVC said, "The \$50 per unit fee for students with advanced degrees may cause a decrease in enrollment for some, and others who are able to pay may choose not to."

Wieder went on to say, "Financial aid is not the answer for immediate problems, as the time lag between applying for assistance and qualifying is enormous. The money does not materialize instantly due to all of the necessary requirements."

Marilyn Moy, dean of admissions said, "Enrollment at LAVC is down slightly due to increased fees but, compared to other community colleges in this district, we are doing well. In the past with the \$60 maximum enrollment fee, students were taking on more classes than they could handle. Consequently, they had to drop classes. Now they are more selective."

Moy states, "The big complaint is from students who already have advanced degrees and are trying to continue their education. They are finding it financially more difficult."

LAVC Book Store Manager Claudette Burns said, "Used books are more in demand but not necessarily

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Catch me if you can...



REESE O'CROTTY / Valley Star

Monday afternoon at LAVC stadium, stuntman "Doc" Duhane and Stunt Coordinator Keith Tellez rehearsed their "Live and let die" hovercraft routine for the halftime entertainment in the up-coming Superbowl game on Sunday Jan. 31.



BRENDA MUNOZ / Valley Star

Vice Chancellor Neil Yoneji explains LAVC's economic situation and future plan approach to the council. Based

upon Gov. Pete Wilson's budget, our Community College District will get less funding this year.

Dr. Lee speaks on funding

By ROBERT FINKEL
Staff Writer

In a speech to a group of local civic leaders Dr. Mary Lee, president of Los Angeles Valley College, gave an optimistic and upbeat view of the challenges facing the college community.

"Things change, and you have to be able to change in response. Our budget has been cut, and fees raised, but we are doing things to keep the standards at the school high," Lee said.

The speech, given at a "brown bag lunch" before the East Valley Coordinating Council the morning of the first spring semester day, began with a description of the role that the school can be expected to play in educating students.

Lee noted that the two primary areas of education are transfer (to a four-year university) or vocational training. She passed out information packages and expressed hope that the recipients might encourage people to consider enrolling at LAVC.

On the matter of finances, Lee quickly dismissed the notion that

bickering with Governor Wilson over the budget cuts would be her style. "I'm finding new ways to fund our programs," she stated proudly.

As examples, she spoke of the Emily Dickenson video project, the "Bookplate" library book donation program, the scholarship funded by a \$40,000 gift by the widow of former instructor Stu Marsh as well as the patron's dinner, to which you are all invited.

She said that the school is looking for corporate donors of about \$500 each to help underwrite the dinner, keeping the cost to about \$25 per guest. "I would rather have a dinner where more people could come, see what's going on, meet foundation members, than have dinners that cost \$250 per plate—it cuts me out, for starters!" said Lee.

In the morning before the speech, Lee had been working the information desk in the Administration building. She referred to exchanges that she had with students, some of which demonstrated the disappointing circumstance that students who hold a four-year degree find themselves in.

One student, Lee said, "had taken a five unit Spanish class last semester, which cost him \$30. This semester the cost will be \$250. He just turned around and left, and I don't even know what his purpose for taking the class was."

The Council, formed in the 1930s to help combat juvenile delinquency, included former LAVC President Alice Thurson, PTA President Rose Marie Fox, Kenneth Ashford, a field deputy to Supervisor Ed Edelman and Mary Dunn, a former LAVC student who became a community affairs journalist at the Daily News after she graduated.

Lee, in response to a question, spoke of the additional drain on school funds due to state regulations. "For instance, we have to report every bottle of white-out on a toxic substance report that we file with state EPA. And we have to show that we are getting our car use to a ratio of 1.5 persons per car, or face a \$50,000 daily fine. We all have to keep up with changing laws. As a matter of fact, I am starting law school this week," replied Lee.

Economic shortfall debated

By JOSE I. LEMUS
Staff Writer

The first week of school ended in a debate, Friday, after Neil Yoneji, vice chancellor of the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), informed the college council about an expected budget reduction from the state for the 1993-94 school year.

Yoneji updated the Council on the budget and said the district might have a deficit of \$5.6 million for the next fiscal year due to an 11.1 percent decrease in state support for community colleges by Governor Pete Wilson's budget proposal. The shortfall is expected to be shared by the nine campuses in the district.

As detailed in the governor's proposed 1993-94 budget for education released by the LACCD budget office, the state's community college system is facing a shortfall of \$266 million due to a decline in attendance.

In addressing this crisis, Governor Pete Wilson is in support of a

new student fee hike up to \$30 per unit. The governor's budget proposes a halt to funding courses for community college students who already have a degree from a four-year school.

Information on the budget released by Valley College President Mary

"We've been hammered enough and we can't take any more."
Jack Sterk

Lee, shows that Valley is expected to have 5.6 percent less funding than it received for the 1992-93 fiscal year. Lee said this shortfall does not include the total income expected from this semester's enrollment.

Valley officials' concerns are that the college might have to make further reductions in critical areas. Yoneji's report included potential college overdrafts on hourly rate instruction, and in money allocated for utilities.

The budget under consideration proposes reductions to appropriations of over \$5.2 million to be shared among the 9 colleges that comprise the LACCD.

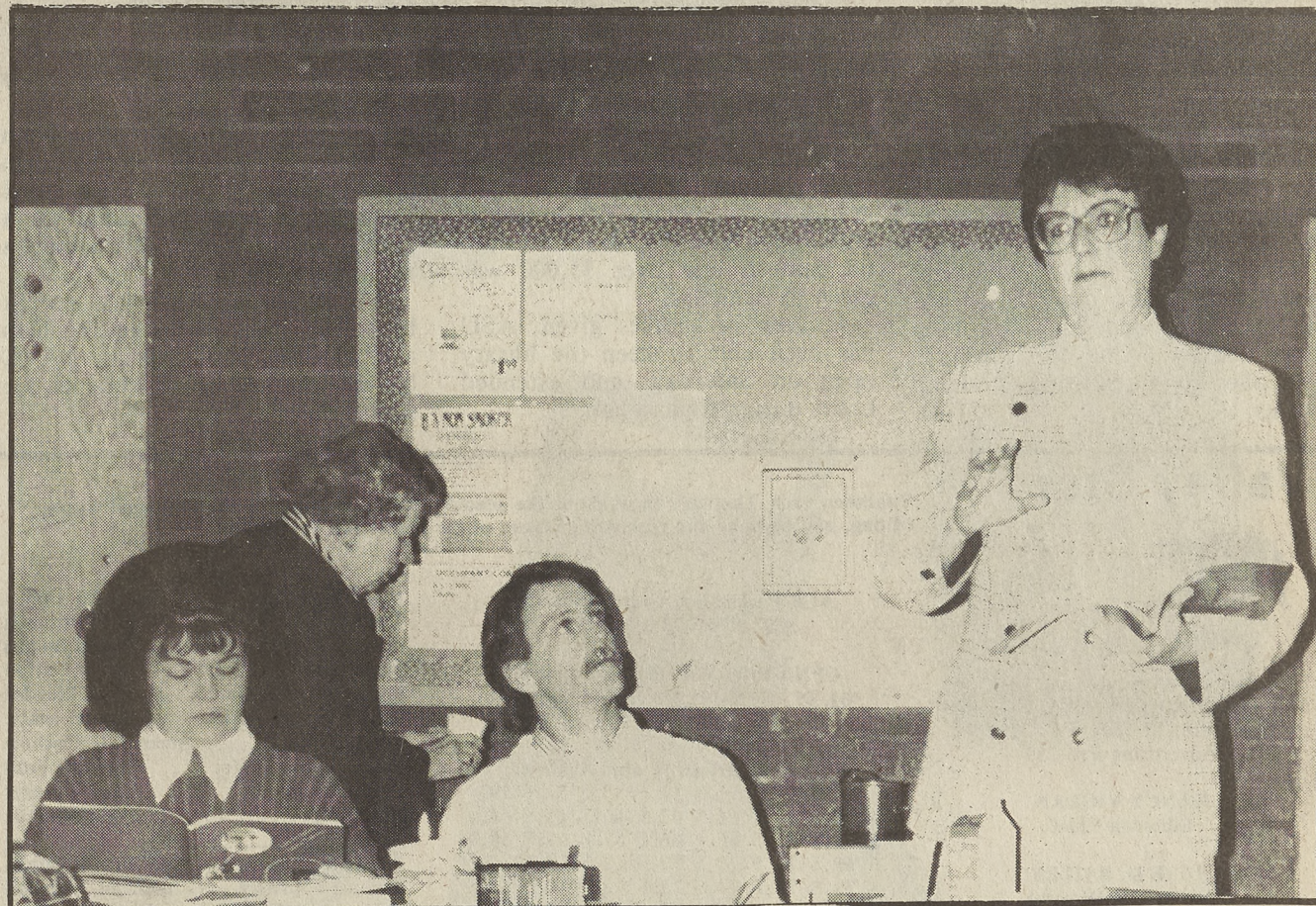
Valley, Pierce College and LACC, the three largest campuses in the district, contribute to the income of the smaller campuses.

"Valley has contributed \$1.5 to 2 million of the funds we earn in this campus to other campuses," Lee said.

Faculty Senate President Jack Sterk asked rhetorically, "Why should we be taking out our money to help other colleges? We've been hammered enough and we can't take any more."

"As revenues from the state decline, fees will increase and drops from students will also increase," Sterk added.

Yoneji said he hopes there will be some additional money coming from the state, in part from the extension of a half-cent emergency sales tax which the Board of Governors (the community college lobbying body) supports at the state level. But meanwhile, "we must rely on local revenue," Yoneji said.



D'ANDRE FORD / Valley Star

LAVC President Dr. Mary Lee speaks at a "brown bag lunch" before the East Valley Coordinating Council on

the challenges facing the college community. She vows to look for new funding sources.

Just a touch too much

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor in Chief

Sexual harassment in all its forms is prohibited by the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Well, what are all its forms? Is winking at a member of the opposite (or same) sex, sexual harassment? Is using profanity to make a point, sexual harassment? Is touching one on the shoulder to get their attention, sexual harassment? Is asking one out on a date sexual harassment?

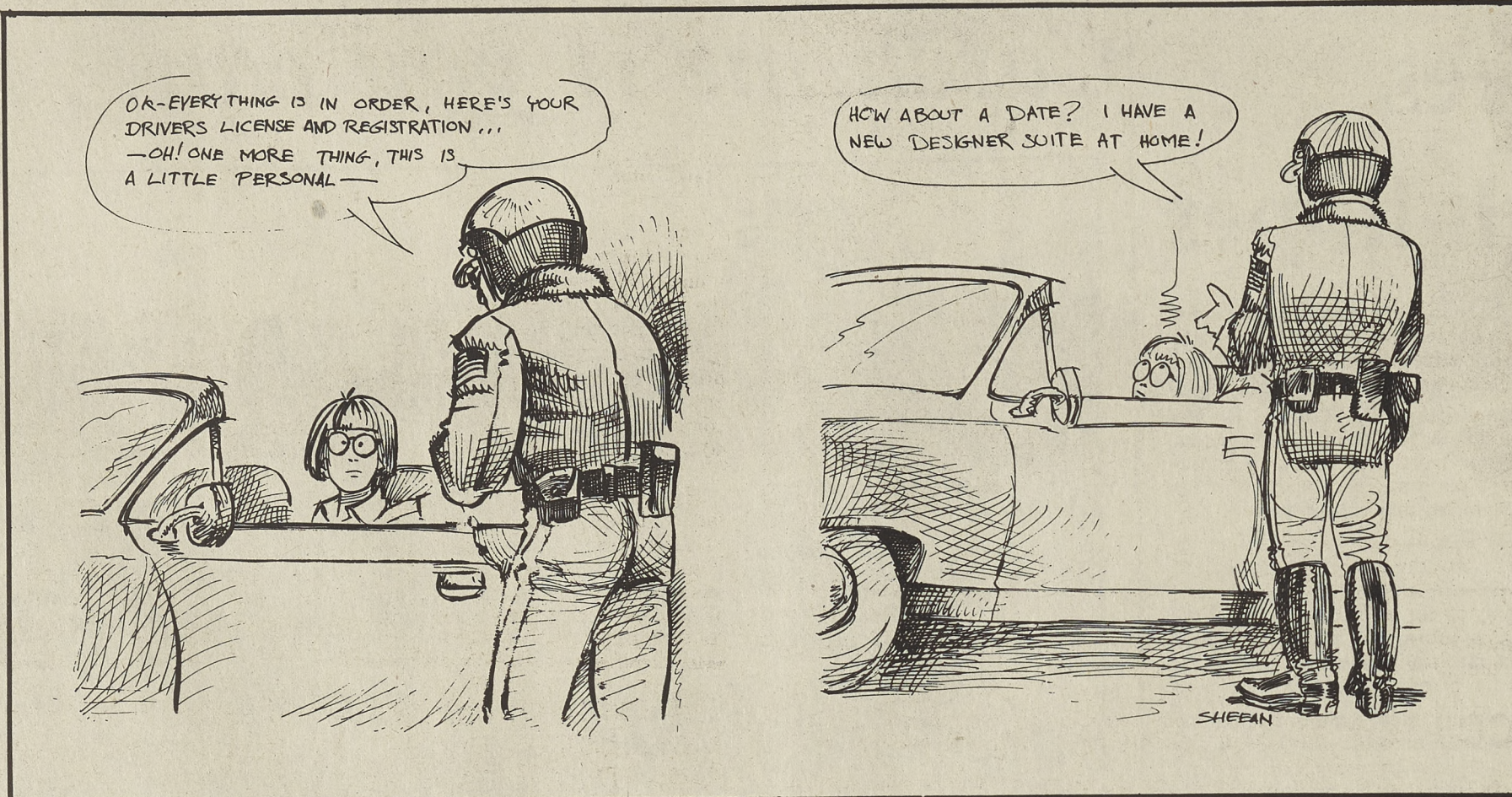
Aren't we (American society) pushing this just a little too far?

In a recent strip of *Outland* (Los Angeles Times, Oct. 10, 1993) cartoonist Breathed had his penquin thrown in the slammer for 'sexually harassing' a cockroach. "I was trying to squash (not fondle) her" pleaded the jailed bird.

Webster defines 'harass' as "to trouble, worry or torment, as with cares, debts, repeated questions, etc."

Los Angeles Valley College Psychology Professor, Stephen Saltzman, points out that harassment is a repetitious or repeated act. "Also, no harassment can be declared until disclosure that what one says (or does) makes one very uncomfortable," he says. "And that act or comment is inappropriate in the context of the relationship."

According to Saltzman, most sexual harassment comes in the form of vertical power; boss to employee, instructor to student, authoritative figure to layman. He gives the exam-



ple of a highway patrolman who has pulled over a woman for a traffic violation. The patrolman states that the woman has beautiful blue eyes. Is that sexual harassment? Not yet. The highway patrolman repeats his compliment and suggests that they plan a date. Sexual harassment? Not yet.

The women now tells the officer that she is not interested and to

please keep discussion to the matter of her possible traffic violation. The officer then suggests that he would really like to see her sometime and asks for her phone number. Now we could be getting into the grey area of interpretation of sexual harassment.

The Los Angeles Community College District has a sexual harassment policy which applies to all LVC

students, faculty and employees. My interpretation is that should any person affiliated with LVC (student or employee) continually approach, touch or uses vulgarity around another LVC affiliate once there has been a request for the action to stop, because of inappropriate behavior could lead to grounds for a sexual harassment case.

However, this is not an excuse to claim sexual harassment towards an instructor whom you are unhappy with, a fellow student whom you are aggravated with or to get revenge upon someone who hasn't yet noticed you.

Let's not carry this issue too far. Granted, there are true cases of sexual harassment, but let's prevent the 'sexually harassing' cockroach cases.

LAVC Sexual Harassment Policy

It is the policy of the Los Angeles Community College District to provide an educational, employment and business environment free of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment, as defined and otherwise prohibited by state and federal statutes.

It shall be a violation of this policy for anyone who is authorized to recommend, make or take academic or personnel actions affecting business or perform other acts or services on behalf of the Los Angeles Community College District, to engage in sexual harassment as defined in the Board Rules, Section 15200.

Within the educational environment, sexual harassment is prohibited between students, between students and employees and between students and non-students. Within the work environment, sexual harassment is prohibited between employees, between employees, between employees and students and between employees and non-employees.

A copy of the District Sexual Harassment Policy and Procedures may be obtained from the Office of Academic Affairs. Inquiries and concerns regarding the Sexual Harassment Policy should be directed to Jeanne Polak, the Sexual Harassment, Staff Diversity and Gender Equity representative, ext. 291.

FIRST AMENDMENT

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integrity and honesty of such presses. Any undue influence by any special interest group or university administrator or faculty person to change, restrain or censor editorial copy is nothing less than a complete abridgement of First Amendment rights.

A users guide to ASU

By SHARYN CADIA
Staff Writer

Why should I join the Associated Student Union (ASU)? This is my fourth semester at Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC) and I've gotten along just fine without it, thank you.

Why should I give the ASU my \$7? It is just another \$7 down the drain. Or is it?

The real reason that I haven't joined ASU is that I don't know enough about the organization and I'm ashamed to say, I haven't taken the time to find out.

I decided to go down to the ASU office and find someone to talk to.

I ran into Don Graham, who is ASU's commissioner of public affairs. It's a big title, but he's also a nice guy who happens to be a student, like us. Graham is a speech communications major who eventually wants to be a lawyer.

Don said, "The ASU is an organization of students whose responsibility is to be a watchdog of the college environment." In simpler terms, the ASU looks out for us, the students.

The ASU is a student union, a member of California Association of Community Colleges, Calsacc for short. Calsacc lobbies for community colleges representing students like us.

When Governor Wilson originally proposed a fee increase for community colleges to \$20 per unit, thanks to lobbying efforts by Calsacc and individual students, the fee was brought down to \$10 per unit.

The statewide organization of Calsacc is broken down into 10 regions, LAVC is located in region 7. Jesse Hernandez, ASU president, is a region 7 policy board representative, the policy board being the lawmaking body of Calsacc.

All this means that if you, as a student, have a concern, you can go to the ASU office and report it. You have a voice and an organization behind you. Changes can be made. Administrators and lawmakers listen.

The ASU has three ways of raising money. Student dues is one source of income, plus the different fundraisers that are put on by the ASU throughout the semester and there is the interest earned on long-term accounts and investments that also add to the income.

The majority of this money goes right back to us for clubs, programs, and services. For example, \$6,000 was given by ASU to clubs on campus and over \$5,000 was given to Athletics.

Because of monies given, ASU has been able to keep the library open on Saturdays and extended hours during finals week.

These are just a few of the contributions that ASU makes to our college. More detailed information on the ASU's budget will be published in the *Valley Star* so you can judge for yourself what happens to the \$7 we the students pay and what services the ASU offers.

Aside from all of this, what do you personally receive from the ASU? There's a \$3.50 rebate from the college bookstore on books you buy for classes. If you take advantage of this service your membership fee goes from \$7 to \$3.50.

What more, you say, do I get? Did you know that you can get six free hours of tutoring downstairs at the learning center? Free legal advice is another service offered by the ASU for its members. All you need to do is call ext. 243 and make an appointment with an attorney for personal legal problems.

Also, you receive Cineplex, AMC, and UA movie tickets for \$4.25. The savings on that alone is worth the \$3.50.

With the money you save from the movie tickets you can buy lunch at the Union Sub, across the street from LAVC and Thai Chai has a special student menu. That's quite a bit of value for \$7.

When you join ASU, you benefit by saving money and getting help and services. Most of all, LAVC benefits because we, as students, are supporting it.

Don't leave campus without it

By ROBERT FINKEL
Staff Writer

After ponying up for tuition, parking, "health services," certainly books and maybe a vague "materials fee," being faced with the option of joining "ASU" for \$7 actually makes a student feel like "Already So Used," and who wants to join that club, right?

NOT!

It really stands for Apathy So Universal here at Valley, but to be honest, even apathy has its own reward: I pay my \$7, and waltz right over to the bookstore and get \$5 back on my first book. Then, at movies, the zoo, plays, and various other venues I can rack up enormous discounts by passing myself

off to box office chumps as a student. Sure, your fee receipt will work too, but who's going to haul that huge thing around when you can just whip out the ol' ASU card. (And seriously, the "receipt" might as well be in hieroglyphics—don't tell me you understand that thing; "overpayment," "invoice number" and the real joke, "refund!"

Don't get me wrong: I never want to be accused of supporting the organization that ASU stands for: if the organization stands for anything, it's multiculturalism and I'm an old, narrow minded ethnocentrist. ASU collects a lot of money, but where does it go? No concerts on our beautiful lawn, no intellectually stimulating speakers

or combination of speakers, as in "debate"—just a "President" and countless "Commissioners." Last spring they presided over an "election" scandal and now have a president that admitted how nervous he was while stammering through his remarks at last November's Dean's Tea, where, by the way, most of the guests were fellow students! Yes, it's All So Useless.

Those who seek campus leadership positions should strive to achieve excellence for they are models of our community. The previous ASU President used her accomplishment to reach higher office, a feat of which every LAVC student can take pride.

But as far as their card goes: Don't leave home without it!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am glad that Los Angeles Valley College has a sexual harassment policy. It is a great idea in that victims are protected.

This policy helps immature students become more aware of sexually mature behavior and it helps to alleviate the "scoring" attitude and thus, it helps to prevent the spread of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

If enforced by instructors, it will keep distracting sexual speech and behavior out of the classroom. The policy can also apply to instructors, to remind them that "sex-for-grades" is not ethical.

Some of the new kids coming into college might be part of a wave of a "chastity generation." If virginity becomes their new trend, they can be protected from the "boomers" who know what "free rides" are.

Jody Lawson
Speech Major

Dear Editor:

Inspired by Kay Mahoney's devoted work which has brought a Health-Station to our campus, I became determined to learn more about a news item I read.

It was very brief, just a few lines. No follow up information was printed that I could find.

It said that pharmaceutical companies were ready to offer prescription drugs free to those who couldn't afford them. A deadly situation could now be remedied.

In hard times, countless people discover that medicine costs more than they can afford. This is especially true for students and seniors, vulnerable financially even when times are normal.

We're not talking about filling one prescription. Many medicines have to be taken for the rest of one's life. This can cost hundreds of dollars monthly.

The tragic result: The prescriptions go unfilled.

The wonderful Marines fighting against death by starvation in Somalia, make us so proud, make

us feel that at the heart of our country there is a real American, idealistic, humanitarian.

Yet, it is more than likely that these same heroic Marines have close relatives, close friends, who may be facing death because of lack of medicine.

After more effort than should have been necessary, I found an answer to this offer.

The physician is the key to being helped. He must contact the drug company. They will then pay the pharmacy filling the prescription.

You must confide in your doctor, you will be helped. Don't endanger your life.

No one is doing more to have students educated about health and working to provide fitness from exercise, than co-chairmen, Ray Follosco and Gary Honjo.

But people do get sick. Make sure your doctor helps you. The new Administration in Washington must provide vital medicine as a right, not a generosity.

Bill Fury

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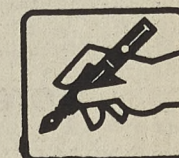
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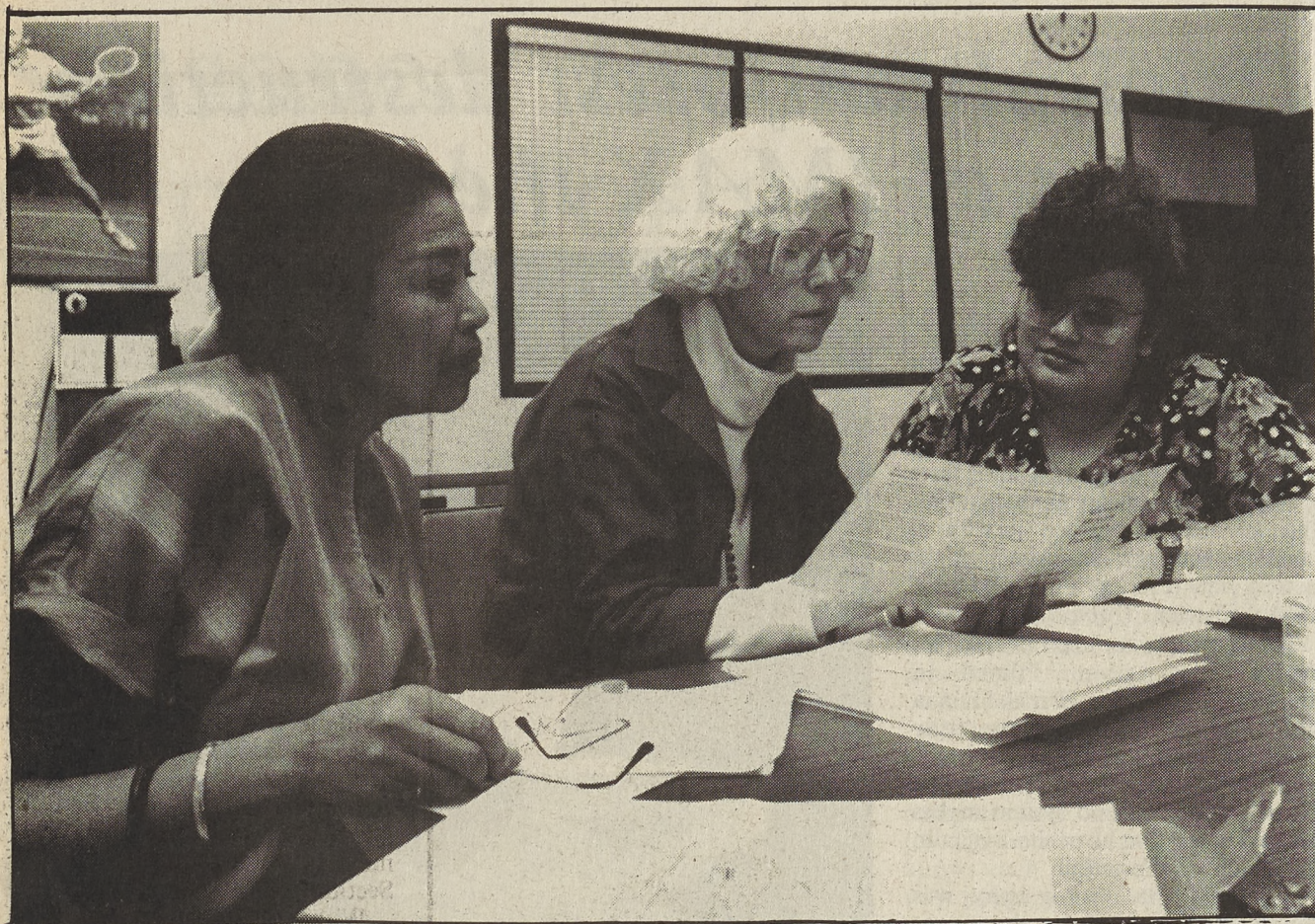
The *Valley Star* is happy to receive and, if possible, publish letters from its readers

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are obscene, libelous, or make racial, ethnic or religious denigrations.

Letters should be signed and, if applicable, include student's major and ID number. Letters may be presented to the *Valley Star* office, Bungalow 25, by Monday for the following Thursday.





Health Service Advisor Klyda Mahoney (left), Dean of Medical Group Administrator Laura Florez go over Student Services Mary Spangler and Parthenia last minute details as the Health Center opened.

Health Services Center now open

By DEREK ANEY
Staff Writer

The Valley College Student Health Services Center staff treated their first patient on Jan. 19 and is now operating according to Health Services Advisor K. Mahoney.

Located in the Women's Gym, the health center is a partnership with Parthenia Medical Group (PMG) and is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mahoney said that a campus phone extension has not yet been established, but the center can be reached directly at (818) 780-0652.

The center will be staffed by PMG, who will provide a receptionist and

either a medical doctor, a physicians assistant, or a nurse practitioner.

"We want students to know that we are here and if they are not feeling well they can come on in," said Laura Florez, the on-site administrator for PMG.

To receive care, students must bring their registration fee receipt showing that the \$7.50 fee has been paid and a valid ID, Florez said.

"Certain financial aid cases are still eligible for care, but do not have to pay for services," Mahoney said.

"Our doors are open on a sick call basis for anyone who wants to come in," said Nick Stratacos, a physicians assistant on duty at the center.

A preventative, educational approach to optimal medical care is being provided while covering all aspects of

primary care. This includes everything from common colds to simple cuts and fractures, said Stratacos. Any conditions that cannot be handled at the campus health center will be referred out to specialists.

"For students who have no insurance, or can't afford to pay, an affiliated pharmacy is selling prescriptions at a reduced rate that is just pennies above the manufacturers cost," said Stratacos.

"Health education counseling is also available. Students can call to make an appointment and come on in," said Mahoney.

Information is available if students have questions on anything from birth control to sexually transmitted diseases, Florez said.

State budget proposed at \$51.2 billion

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Staff Writer

On Friday Jan. 8, 1993 Governor Pete Wilson proposed a \$51.2 billion California state budget for the 1993-94 year. The budget called for a 38 percent cut of state funds in the community college system. The proposal comes on the heels of last September's budget cuts which left community college students with a 40 percent increase in fees.

As students, administrators and faculty alike await the final outcome of the Governor's new budget proposal, they are only beginning to feel the effects of what last fall's fee hikes have done to the community college system.

attending Valley to save myself and my family money."

McKelvey continued, "Because of the fee hikes I have to work more hours in order to pay for my classes. Now that I have to work more, I can't take as many classes, or devote the amount of time I would like to school."

Decreases in student enrollment throughout the district have been reported, but administrators admit it is untimely to say whether enrollment is up or down. A Los Angeles Times article dated Jan. 19, 1993 reported that at both Pierce and Mission colleges, enrollment is down. The Times' article stated that Pierce's enrollment

"Because of the fee hikes I have to work more hours in order to pay for my classes. Now that I have to work more, I can't take as many classes, or devote the amount of time I would like to school."

September 1992s fee hikes have already begun to take their toll on the nine community colleges in the Los Angeles district. The Los Angeles Times reported that as of two weeks ago, Los Angeles Community College District enrollment is down 6.9 percent, compared to last year at the same time records showed.

While administrators are reluctant to comment on the exact figures until enrollment is completed on Jan. 29, students are not.

Kim McKelvey, an English major and member of the LAVC speech team, said, "I am being more selective with the classes I choose. I feel frustrated because at this time I am

fallen approximately 10 percent from the same time last year.

The article went on to say that at Mission College around 500 fewer new students have enrolled and overall enrollment is down by 700.

With enrollment open until Jan. 29, no exact figures can be given. Until then administrators can only begin to estimate what effect the fee hikes will have on all of the Los Angeles community colleges.

When all the facts and figures are in, community college administrators will be able to sit down and assess exactly where they stand in the battle with Governor Wilson over the cost of education.

NEWS BRIEFS

Add and drop dates

The last day to obtain add cards and to receive full refund of enrollment fee for dropped classes is Monday Feb. 1. The last day to process added classes is Friday Feb. 5. The last day to drop classes without receiving a "W" is Thursday Feb. 11.

Graduation deadline

The deadline for filing for spring '93 graduation is Friday Feb. 5 at 4 p.m. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office (Administration 127).

Financial Aid workshops

Financial Aid workshops will be held in the Cafeteria Conference Room on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Monday Feb. 8, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Open House

Hillel is holding a new members night on Thursday Feb. 4. There is no charge. For more information, call (818) 887-5901. Hillel at Valley meets from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays in front of the Bookstore.

Art Opening

On Monday Feb. 1 the LAVC Art Gallery will be holding a reception for its new art show featuring the work of David Starrett. The show will run from Feb. 1 to Mar. 4. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. For information call (818) 781-1200 ext. 400.

Open House

The Health Services Center will be holding an open house on Friday, Jan. 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Health Center is located in the Women's Physical Education Building.

FEES

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because of tuition increases. It is due to the current state of the economy."

Burns stated that advanced education fee increases were affecting her personally since she is going to take more courses herself. Burns said, "I hope this increase brings out the serious students and encourages the borderline students to stay in school."



ADAM CROCKER / Valley Star

First lessons of a new semester are in patience. Students meander here through bookstore.

Students face enrollment fee hike

By SARY FORNARIS
Staff Writer

In-person registration for the spring semester at Valley College began on Friday, Jan. 8, 1993 with a hike in the enrollment fee to \$10 per unit.

Students are taking fewer units, but neither the price nor the torrential winter rains of the past two weeks seemed to have stopped many

from keeping their appointments.

The first batch of applicants with scheduled appointments hit the doors of the Administration building long before they opened at 7 a.m. Since then, hundreds of students have joined the unending lines to the admissions windows, hoping that the courses they had selected were still available.

Most general education courses, such as mathematics and English,

were closed after mail-in registration. Courses like art, physical education, Italian, physics, journalism and history were still open.

"I don't know if the rain has affected (registration). I don't think so. The lines have been long all day. The fee might," said Marilyn Moy, dean of admissions.

A total of 21,308 students had been enrolled as of Jan. 20. The last day for registration is Jan. 29.

WORK SMARTER. NOT HARDER.

We're working smarter, too. So you don't have to work harder. For us, it means an ongoing relationship with educators and professors, striving to understand

And there are others. Like the TI-68, an advanced scientific that solves up to five simultaneous equations, performs complex numbers and offers formula programming.

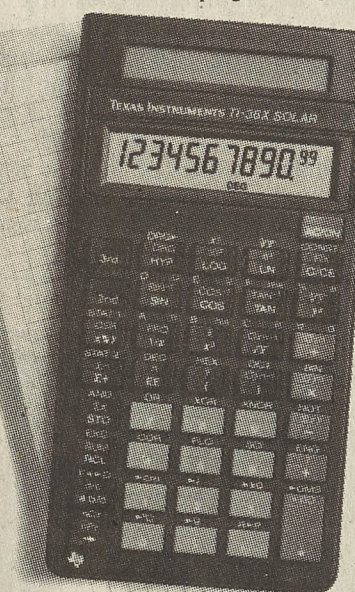
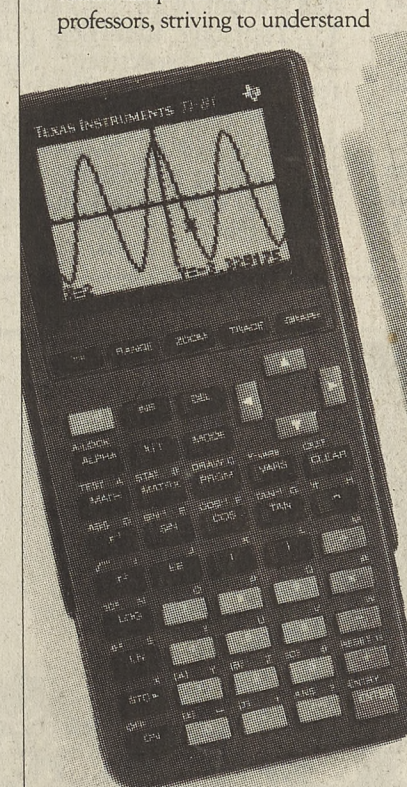
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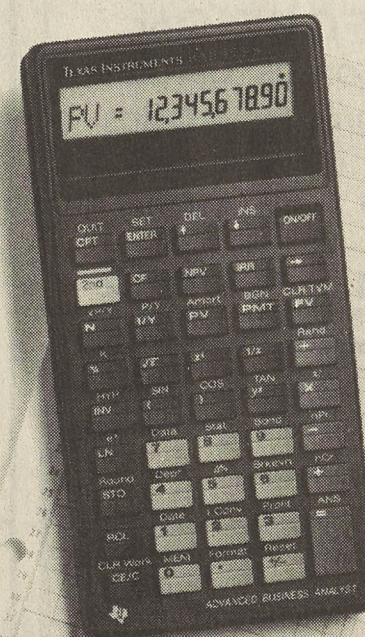
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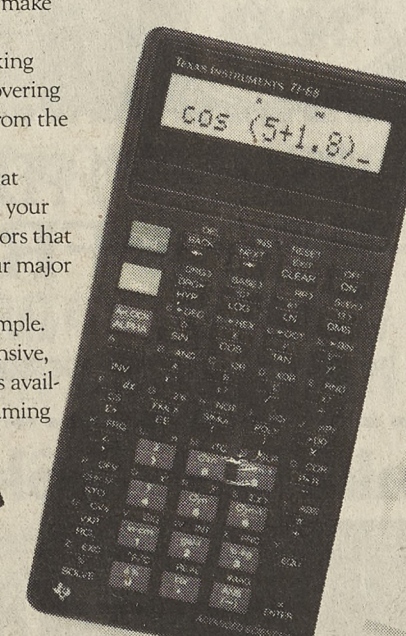


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From left to right, Rosey (Leah Henteleff), Regen (Corinne McLuckey) and Mrs. Snow (Andrea Posey) per-

form in *Cinderella Waltz*. The play runs tonight thru Saturday and Feb. 4 thru 6 in the Horseshoe Theater.

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Cindi's gone campy

By GREG NIELSEN
Staff Writer

Take a little bit of Monty Python, add a good measure of campiness and a not quite traditional array of characters and the result is *Cinderella Waltz*, a madcap version of the classic fairytale which opens tonight at the Horseshoe Theater and continues through Saturday with performances also scheduled for Feb. 4, 5 and 6.

Written by Don Nigro and directed by Deborah Lande, *Cinderella Waltz* provides a perfect basis for an irreverent sense of humor. From the outrageous wicked stepmother, whose outfits recall early B-52s, to the village idiot-cum-philosopher, a deliciously sly attitude works its way throughout the famous fable.

For all her inspired innocence "I want to be married and rich...and clean," Rosie Snow still suffers the leering presence of her stepfather not to mention the cruel treatment foisted on her by the stepmother. And, of course, her sisters aren't much help either.

But for all the lunacy and sight-gags this production offers, *Cinderella Waltz* also gives its audience some introspection, a commentary on the inherent frustrations of life of which the village idiot reveals a fine example.

His tender side shining through, he attempts to teach Rosie Snow how to dance (with the help of his music box tinkling the theme to *Cats*) in time for

Prince Alfred's ball.

Realizing the futility of it all, his idiot persona dissolves into that of his alter ego and launches into a tirade, telling her, in effect, that she is far above the fools she finds herself surrounded by. And for all her wackiness, the drunken fairy godmother (or more precisely, fairy bag-lady) does slip in some of her own poignant observations, "Some of us are just born to be fairy godmothers...or village idiots."

All in all, *Cinderella Waltz* is a highly amusing comedy with its fair share of great one-liners and an inclination for references to other sources of inspiration including *Snow White* and *Repinzel*. The players work with each other well. The play, in fact, is a good showcase for the variety of promising talents by virtue of its assortment of odd-ball characters and the challenges they present.

Director Deborah Lande, now a third year Theater/Cinema Arts student, says *Cinderella Waltz* has been more difficult to direct than her last, *Lost and Found*.

"This one is longer, more complex and has nine characters," says Lande. Additionally, Lande found herself auditioning friends for all the roles in the play putting her in a potentially sticky situation. "I made it quite clear in the beginning that inside the theater I was their director; outside, I was their friend."

With the conflict of interest issue understood, Lande says that all the players are personal friends and work

together well. "They take direction well, too," she added. Lande impresses on her players the value of enjoying their work. "If you're not enjoying yourself, the audience won't enjoy the presentation."

Apart from directing *Cinderella Waltz* and recently auditioning for the upcoming *Derby's* by Peter Parkin, Lande says she has no long term plans beyond LAVC. She does aspire to working on the stage and likes directing comedies, but for now she prefers to take it one day at a time. "I'm planning on traveling through Europe for six months with my best friend," says Lande. Having been involved in show business since age three, perhaps a break would be in order.

Theater and Cinema Arts Department Chairman and Valley Collegiate Players (VCP) faculty advisor Joe Dacurso points out that *Cinderella Waltz* is a fund raiser. "Every year we select one play to be directed by a student and this year it's *Cinderella Waltz* he says. Proceeds from the presentations will be used to fund the annual awards ceremony and banquet for scholarships for the VCP.

General admission is \$7. Senior and student (with I.D.) admission is \$5. Thursday admission prices are \$5 and \$3 respectively. No "two-fers" for this production.

Showtimes are at 8 p.m. for reservations call (818) 781-1200, ext. 353. Free parking is available on campus in any of the lots at Fulton and Oxford streets.

Tropical rainforest destruction evident at IMAX theater

By J.D. WOLVERTON
Staff Writer

The continuing destruction of the world's rainforests threatens the future survivability of all life on earth.

We frequently hear soundbites on the rainforest crisis, coming at us from a variety of broadcast media sources. But few have addressed it with as much passion and immediacy as the newest film offering at Los Angeles' IMAX Theater, *Tropical Rainforest*.

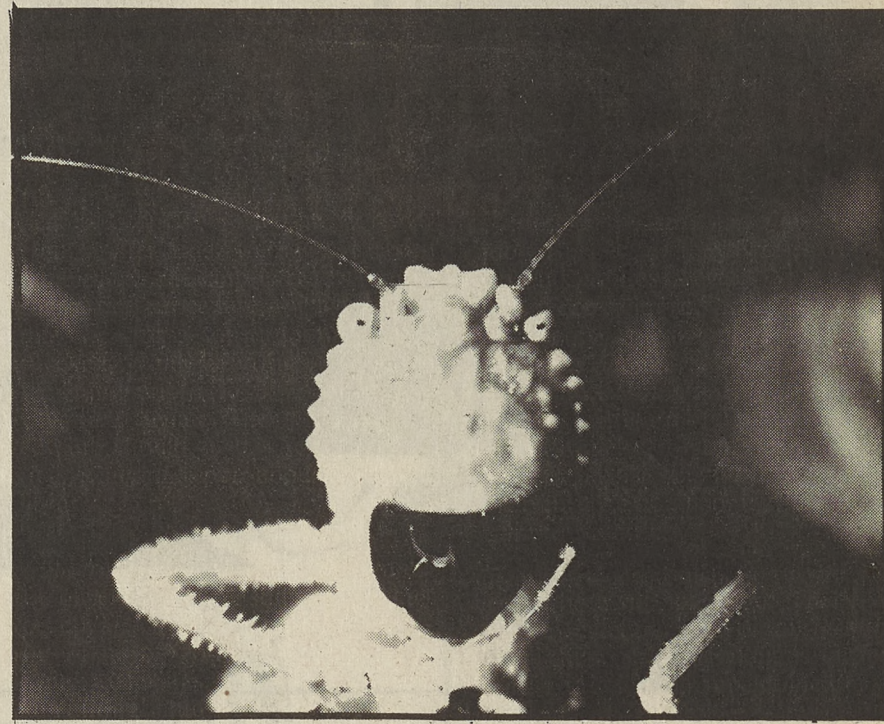
The subject is an ideal one for an IMAX presentation. Filmed in Australia, Costa Rica, French Guiana and Malaysia, the images are truly awesome when seen on the five-story high, 70-foot-wide IMAX screen. The surround-stereo sound system makes the viewer feel that he or she is right in the middle of the action.

Much of the photography was done from the air, giving the viewer a sense of just how vast a land area is covered by a rainforest. But the filmmakers also give us numerous close-up views of the creatures that exist in these fragile ecosystems, such as the leaf-cutting ants that saw through and carry away leaves many times their size and weight.

Tropical Rainforest offers a good deal more than a colorful travelogue. Its images are often dazzlingly beautiful, but the message it communicates is a sobering one.

More than 30 million species of plants, insects and animals (between 40 and 50 percent of Earth's existing species) live in tropical rainforests, for example. But 80 acres of rainforest are wiped out each minute, primarily due to logging. Many species are becoming extinct, before they ever become known to the rest of the world. Approximately 2.4 billion acres of rainforest are left now—less than half the original acreage.

The *Tropical Rainforest* narrator also remarks that, in addition to the catastrophic effect the destruction



The blunt-faced katydid is one of hundreds of insects who sing in the forest, yet its habitat is completely unknown. Rarely seen on the ground, it spends its entire life high in the treetops.

of the rainforest is projected to have on air quality in the future, many plant species are being lost which may be essential to the cure of diseases that still plague mankind. Fully 70 percent of 3,000 plants, identified by the National Cancer Institute as having anti-cancer properties, are rainforest species.

The governments of many Third World nations are permitting the exploitation of their rainforests because their timber is one of the easiest available sources of ready cash. They resist entreaties from environmental groups in the industrialized countries of the West, pointing out the hypocrisy of these countries dictating to them, when European nations ripped off the resources of their colonies for centuries.

It would appear that the preservation of the rainforests will have to

be achieved by the concerted action of many countries—probably through a body such as the United Nations. Their further despoilation will have to be made a violation of international law, with stiff penalties or sanctions assessed on uncooperative governments.

Tropical Rainforest continues to be screened daily at the IMAX Theater through June of this year. The theater is part of the California Museum of Science and Industry, located at 700 State Drive, Exposition Park, at the south end of the USC campus in Los Angeles. For recorded information, call (213) 744-2014.

Also showing with *Tropical Rainforest* are *Antarctica*, *Beavers*, and *Blue Planet*. Each film runs under an hour, and requires separate admission. Discounted tickets are available to students with current ID.

Starting a campus club

By HARRIET STEINBERG
Staff Writer

Do you want to start a club on campus? If so, the best way is to talk to students who have the same interest as you do. "If you can gather a few people, you can start an informal meeting," said Ben Padua, Associated Student Union (ASU) vice-president and who is in charge of all clubs.

"At this time, goals and a purpose should be established," added Padua. Rules have to be made so that the organization has a constitution which should contain such information as name of club, purpose, dues, officers, time, place, and frequency of meetings. "The only officers needed to form a club is a president and a secretary," said Padua.

The constitution is based on a format which can be obtained at Campus

Center (CC), Room 100 at Monarch Hall. After the rules have been established, the club is ready for the chartering procedure, which means that the club's constitution must be checked by the Dean of Student Affairs and approved by ASU Senate Chair and Senate. The newly organized club should send a representative to give an oral report about this group at an ASU meeting.

No organization can be formed for purely social reasons. There has to be a special purpose. It can be in the form of community or vocational offerings, or to meet the educational and cultural needs of the students. "There have been clubs in the past such as acting, drawing, ceramics, writing and astronomy," said Padua. "There has even been a club for parents without partners," added Padua.

President of ASU, Jesse Hernandez' job is to oversee the functions of all students at Los Angeles Valley College. "For example," said Padua, "If a student has a complaint about the cafeteria, Hernandez would be the person to see. He represents the student body at the Board of Trustee meetings downtown," said Padua. Some of the matters he has presented are budget problems, air-conditioning, and other campus situations.

At ASU meetings, a student can learn about special events. There is a master calendar where all groups place their activities. This is important, so that no groups coincide.

If a student is interested in joining a club or starting a new one, or just wants to know what's going on around campus, come to an ASU meeting in CC104, Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m.

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Seasoned lawmen are prepared for action

By ROBERT MAIZE
Staff Writer

With a combined 272 years experience in every phase of law enforcement, Los Angeles Valley College has a police force prepared to protect our campus.

Heading a staff of 10 full-time officers and six part-time cadets, Captain Karl Traber has experts trained and field-tested for any situation that might threaten the stability of campus life.

"Our motto is 'Service to Educa-

tion,'" says Traber. "We strive to make this campus a safe environment for teachers and students to come and go without fear."

He speaks with glowing praise about the men under his command. "These are experts in the field of vice, homicide, burglary, everything. Much more than we ever need here, but their expertise and experience are invaluable, especially for deterring and preventing crime."

Traber himself is a good example of a seasoned professional, having spent 19 years with the LAPD, much of that in the South Central

area. He was born in Germany but migrated to America in 1960 and joined the U.S. Army, "to learn English," he says. In 1963 he was hired by the LAPD, for whom he devised and implemented a closed-circuit TV system still in use. He also taught at the Police Academy and at East LA Community College before coming here in 1991.

"I especially like it here because of the excellent relationship we have with the staff," he says. "They are pro-police; there is no friction. That isn't true for every campus."

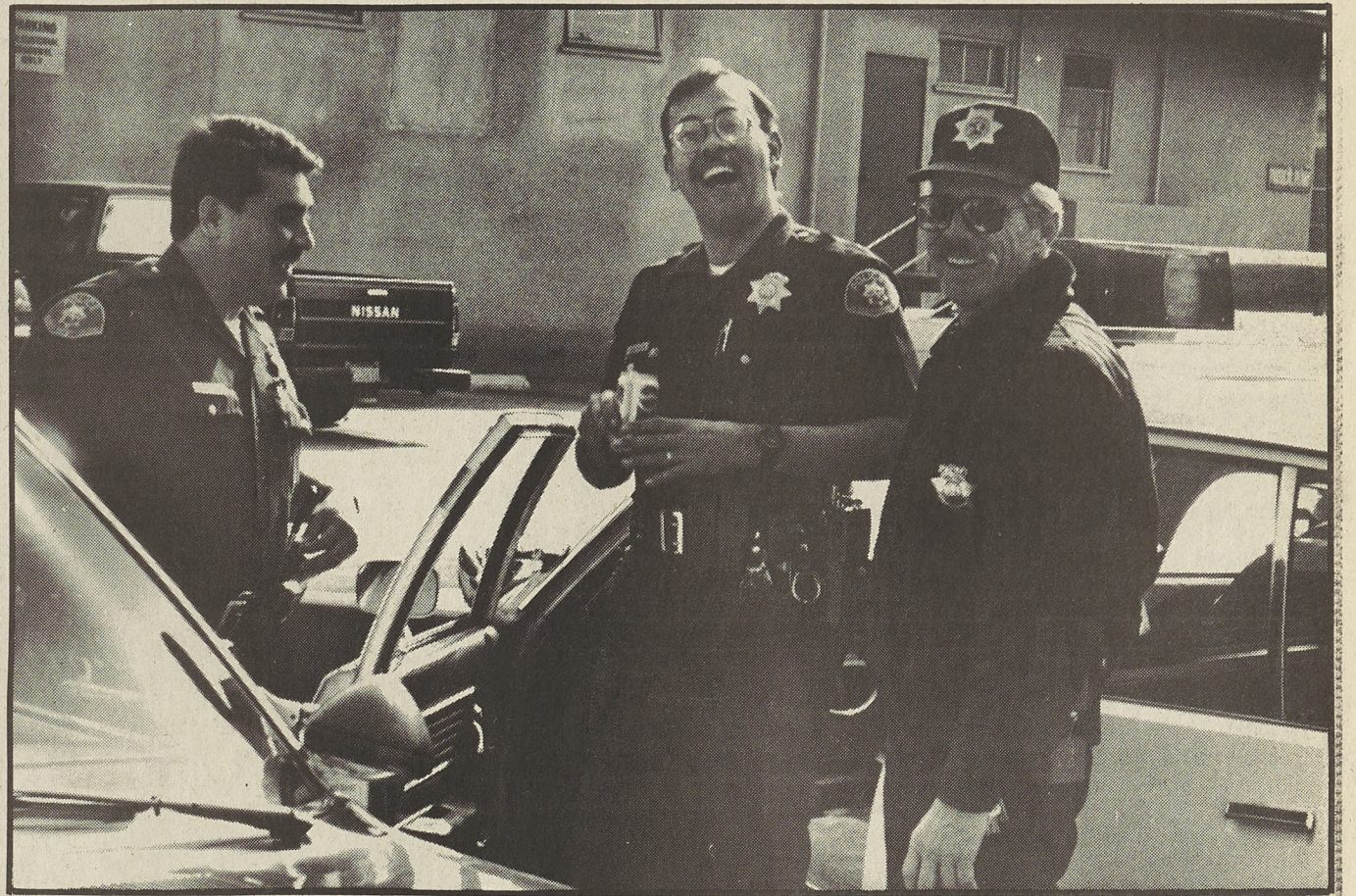
Officer Spence Gosenson has worked at LAVC since 1978 and says simply, "It's a fun job." He compares it to working for a small town police force where everybody knows each other and the contacts with people are mostly positive.

"The difference between street cops and campus cops," he says, "is when the street cops come home, they remember mostly the positive things because they are rare. Here, we talk about the negative things because they are rare."

He has seen some changes during his tenure here. In the early days they were given a badge, keys, and a radio. They had to buy their own guns and had no uniforms. In a fashion statement from the 1970s, they wore brown and gold leisure suits.

He recalls the 70s and the student demonstrations. "It was nerve-racking," he says. "We didn't know what was going to happen. The students organized a march over to the Bank of America. We later had to close the campus and bring in reinforcements from the LAPD. It was a tense scene."

Gosenson believes the criteria for being a good cop on campus is different than for the outside. "What



Los Angeles Valley College Campus Police officers, Habicht take a moment Monday afternoon to discuss the events of the day.

we don't want here are cops who are badge heavy," he says. "We want them with the vinegar out of their system."

Officer Michael Habicht is a field-tested veteran who had 27 years with LAPD to get the vinegar out of his system. All those years working the homicide, burglary, and narcotics departments, he says proudly that he never had to shoot anyone, nor was he ever shot.

"It takes discipline not to shoot anyone," he says. "Being a policeman is like being a professional actor. I had a hundred different faces. I performed all the functions in the community: as peace keeper, counselor, parent, social worker, priest-becoming everything to everybody."

Now that he has retired, he enjoys the lack of stress that campus cops have. He also enjoys giving the benefit of his experience to the on-the-job training of the campus police cadets.

One of these cadets is Paul Leasum, 26, who is studying administration of justice here. He recently took the oral exam at the LAPD Academy and looks forward to becoming a policeman.

Growing up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, he says he always wanted to be a part of the LAPD. "Being a cop in California, that was always a kind of dream I had," he says. "Maybe it had something to do with the beach."

Leasum served three years in the army as a paratrooper and is a

nuclear, biological, chemical weapons expert (decontamination, detection, and preventions of said weapons, hopefully never to be needed on campus.) He is now in the army reserve.

Why does he want to be a cop? "Why not?" he answers with mock bravado. "You either have to be brave or stupid."

Brave but certainly not stupid. Modern day law enforcement is a complex job, requiring legal, administrative, and psychological training besides the rigorous physical regimen.

With all the dangers in the world and the increase in crime, people here should know that there is a dedicated, experienced force of campus cops on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.



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Among other duties, Officer Spence Gosenson finds it necessary to cite illegally parked vehicles last Monday morning.

What the campus police do:

Patrol— The black and white vehicles maintain visibility to discourage would-be trouble makers. Officers constantly check security alarms to discourage vandals.

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Investigation— The police will challenge strangers and conduct field interrogations. It is not against the law to loiter on a community

college campus, but officers will question unknowns and monitor the parking lots 24 hours a day.

Security— For sporting events and any other gatherings of large groups.

Health and Safety— Fire hazards, flooding, leaking roofs, damage, and any other health hazards are under the watchful eyes of the campus cops.

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REMEMBER: The campus police force is on duty 24 hour a day, 365 days a year, and it is user-friendly.

Campus clubs offer student understanding

By STEVEN KOSOY
Staff Writer

"Understanding identity, where we come from and who we are helps us to determine our future," Los Angeles Valley College student Maria Vazquez says, echoing the concerns of many students.

For many people, college is not just a time of academics, but a time of personal discovery, of trying to understand their identities and determine who they are and where they fit in the world.

For many students, like Vazquez, the answer lies in school. Not only in philosophy classes, but in the campus clubs.

A variety of clubs belonging to the Associated Students Union (ASU) are based upon the ethnic and cultural backgrounds that so many students share. Clubs such as Hillel, the Black Student Union, the Filipino Club, MEChA, the Farsi Club, and the Latin American Students Association were formed as a way to help students learn about their own backgrounds, histories,

and cultures. They help teach students pride in who they are, and appreciation of others' differences.

Vazquez found her answers as president of MEChA. "What we do here," Vazquez says "is promote cultural awareness. We'll spread it [the awareness] out through the student body."

MEChA does this by starting with outreach to the Chicano community. They expose high school and junior high students to college and promote the idea of higher education to the Chicano, Vazquez says.

Interacting with various community organizations in the area, MEChA took part in the LASA youth conference last October. Vazquez says that they brought in over 450 junior high and high school students from Pacoima, Van Nuys, and North Hollywood to expose them to college and make them aware that higher education is possible.

Although MEChA does a lot to help its members with counseling, class problems, and book exchanges, Vazquez says they do not want members to get lost in their own little world. "That's why we

go into the community," she says.

"I feel that if I wouldn't have come across MEChA, I probably wouldn't have been in college," Vazquez says, making her point.

Mary Hito, advisor to the Latin American Students Association (LASA), says that her club is one way for Latin American students to hold onto their identity and culture. "Lots of kids who migrate lose their roots," she says.

One of the objectives of LASA, Hito says, is to help Latin American students understand what is going on in the Latin American community. Not only should they be aware on campus, but in the Latino community as a whole, she says.

LASA is the newest cultural club on campus. According to Hito, it started at Valley College only in Spring, 1992. However, they have started active and strong.

In an effort to contribute to the Latino community in a positive, personal level, members of LASA take part in a mentor/youth program, Hito says. In this program, a LAVC College student from LASA is assigned to a student from a nearby

high school. They offer the younger students help academically, as well as socially, assisting in directing them toward a college education.

Last October, LASA co-sponsored a Cultural Resistance Day with MEChA. Here they worked to educate students about the history and culture of Latin America with videos.

LASA, in connection with all of the LASA clubs in the Los Angeles area, also sponsored a clothes drive for people in Central America. However, Hito says she would like to see LASA get more involved with the Latino community.

"It would be nice if there was some kind of support group for new students, to orient them on how things work [in the school], get them what they need [to succeed], some tutoring with different subjects," Hito says.

Also, Hito says, she would like LASA to offer help with English for those who do not speak it well, and the personal support to help them succeed in school.

Editor's Note: Clubs is part of a series to be continued next week.

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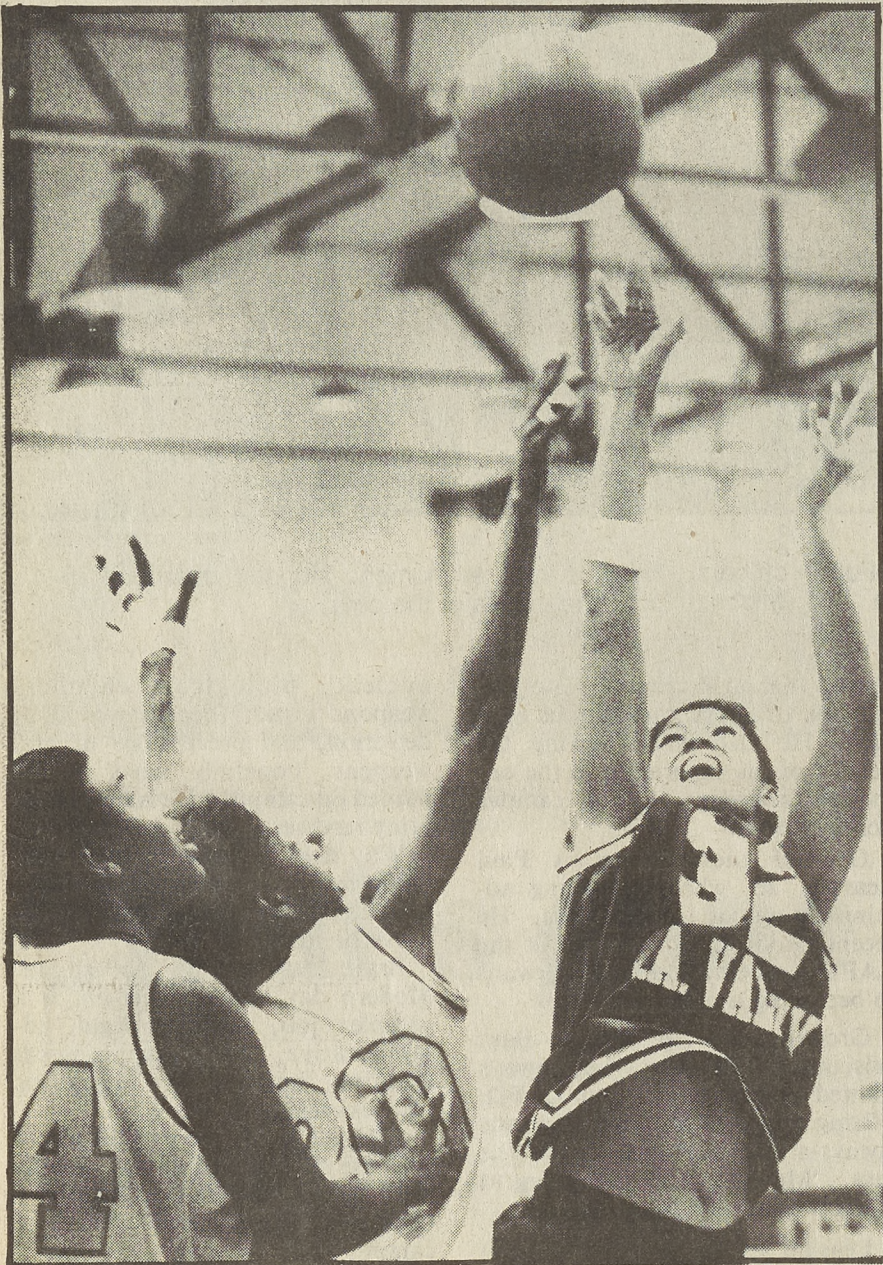
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Santa Monica's Glory Dolphin attempts to defend as Kisna Thompson looks on. Michelle Capoeidon sends up the fade away jump shot for two of her nine points in the Lady Monarchs 63-54 victory Saturday.

—Monarchs cut losses—

By DANA MEADOR
Staff Writer

Performances from Joe Mauldin and Wayne Carlisle have lead the Monarchs to impressive wins against El Camino and Santa Barbara. Mauldin was instrumental in his efforts to take down the El Camino team by scoring 22 points. He also had ten assists and six steals along with eight boards.

The Monarchs are winning their games by playing aggressive offensive and taking opponents out of their game. Since the winter break, Men's basketball has taken off into the right direction.

When the season first started, the team was weighted down by close games that ended in losses. The young squad also suffered from turnovers and low percentage shooting.

This season has been a learning experience for the men's team. In recent weeks, the team has put wins in the (W) column. Anthony

Jackson, playing his third consecutive game at El Camino, scored 19 points. Jackson successfully made 15 of his 19 points by sinking 5 three pointers.

Doug Michelson, has coached the Lady Monarchs for five years and will replace Jim Stephens, who said last month he would resign at the close of this 92-93 season. Michelson has had success in every campaign he starts. As coach of the Lady Monarchs, his overall record was 155 wins and 24 losses. He was also named by the California Coaches Association as Women's Community College Coach of the year.

As Head Coach for the Men's program, Michelson's objective to play aggressive and smart basketball will not change. Joe Jackson, who was Stephen's assistant, will remain as the assistant for the men's program.

Michelson's assistant John Taylor, will replace him as coach of the Women's team. Taylor played for Michelson from 1978 to 1980 at

All-American, All-State goes to 3 athletes

By NANCY VIGRAN
Editor-in-Chief

Despite season totals of 5-4-1, the Los Angeles Valley College Monarch football team brought home high honors this winter.

Three outstanding athletes earned places on the All-State Team, one of which won a spot on the All-American Team.

More precisely, out of 67 junior colleges which play competitive football in California, 52 players are chosen to comprise the All-State Team. Monarch running back Howard Blackwell, quarterback Joe Mauldin and returner Benny Evans were all named to the team.

With 155 junior college football teams in the country, 52 players are named to the All-American Team;

Blackwell was one on these players.

According to Hank Ives, editor of the J.C. Grid-Wire, ballots are sent to every junior college football coach which include questions not only regarding their own team but also the name of the toughest offensive and defensive players against whom their team has played.

Other All-American honors are given to scholar athletes who maintain a 3.0 average while actively playing football. Valley tight end, Brandon Best, earned an honorable mention in this area.

Monarch head coach Jim Fenwick expressed great enthusiasm for his players. "It gives them honor and recognition," he said. And indeed it does, as all the All-Staters have been offered scholarships from four-year schools for next year.

Blackwell, who came in second over-all nationwide in scoring, earning 138 points for the season, plans to complete his associate degree this spring. Then he will attend the University of the Pacific in the fall, majoring in engineering. Hedging on the discussion of pro-ball, Blackwell expressed that although football is a high priority in this life, it is important that he complete his education.

Mauldin, who is also forward on the Monarch basketball team, is wavering between a four-year university and pro-ball in Canada. Currently at Valley he has been studying Administration of Justice.

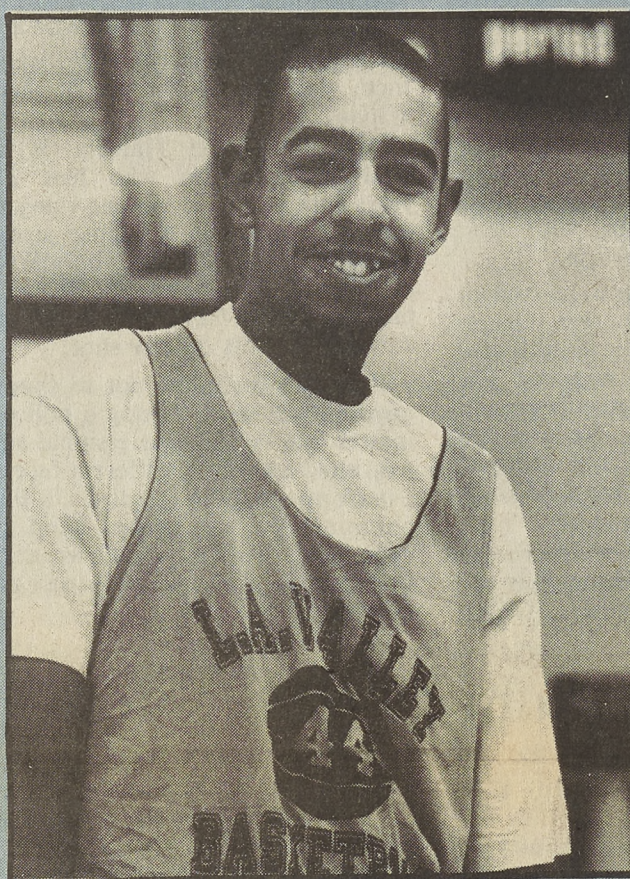
Evans, who plans to complete his associate degree in physical education this spring, is deciding between Portland State and Missouri Western. He likes football, not only because he enjoys the sport, but also because "it

will pay for my education," Evans said. Evans will be the first in his family to earn a college degree and he is very proud of that fact, he said. Evans added that "Coach Dave Buchanan was really a major part of my succeeding this year. He is a very good role model." Evans plans on majoring in marketing.

Best has played football for ten years including the Pop Warren League (like little league for football), high school and two years on the Monarch team. Retiring from football, Best wants to leave "on a high note," he said. He plans to transfer to a four-year college in the fall.

Coach Fenwick said that the three All-State athletes were as good as he had ever seen in junior college football. "They will be tough to replace," he said, then added "They are probably irreplaceable."

Athletes of the month



Wayne Carlisle



Rosa Mendez

The Los Angeles Valley College Athletic Department chose sophomore Rosa Mendez, and freshman Wayne Carlisle as their December "Athletes of the Month."

Rosa Mendez, attended Roosevelt High School and is a returning All-Western State Conference player. In addition she was All-Tournament at the College of the Sequoias Tournament.

Mendez also went All-Tournament at the "Tip-Off" tournament at Mount San Antonio College.

Mendez averaged 16.8 points per game, and 5.6 assists per game.

The athletic department's male choice for "Athlete of the Month" was, Wayne Carlisle, a 6-foot-6 freshman from Grant High School.

Carlisle averaged 15.8 points per game and six rebounds per game. "Carlisle is a much improved freshman. He has matured a lot this month and become a complete player, working hard at practice as well as at games and on defense as well as offense. Wayne has become a fine prospect for the next level," said LAVC-Mens Basketball Coach Jim Stephens.

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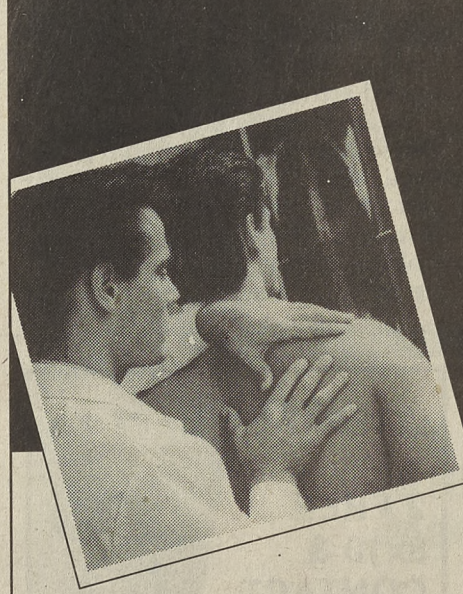
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